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For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND MEDIUM
HAVING AN IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON

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1. Japanese Office Action dated October 1, 2004, corresponding to Japanese Application No. JP 2002-178179.

2. Japanese Office Action dated October 1, 2004, corresponding to Japanese Application No. JP 2002-180777.

3. Japanese Office Action dated October 18, 2004, corresponding to Japanese Application No. JP 2002-182370.

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Applicant wishes to inform the Examiner of the following references listed on the Japanese Office Action dated October 1, 2004, which corresponds to Japanese Application No. 2002-180777, were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 29, 2004: JP - 03-073668, JP-62-030473, JP - 05-328280, and JP - 026875. JP-08-139916 was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 13, 2004.

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